

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

FROM THE AOU

At its annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio on 23 August 1965 the AOU elected the following officers:

Dean Amadon, President

Harold Mayfield, First Vice-President

Thomas R. Howell, Second Vice-President

L. Richard Mewaldt, Secretary

Burt L. Monroe, Sr., Treasurer

Robert M. Mengel, Editor

and elected members of the Council: James L. Baillie, Eugene Eisenmann, and Robert J. Newman.

The Brewster Medal was awarded to Ernst Mayr.

Research on members of the family Ardeidae seems to be quite popular. The following requests for assistance have been received.

Dr. Andrew J. Meyerriecks, Department of Zoology, University of South Florida, Tampa, is studying the dispersal of newly fledged herons from central and southern Florida. The work is being done in cooperation with the Encephalitis Research Center, Tampa, Florida. All herons are banded and part of their plumage is dyed a bright color. Each major heronry has been assigned a color code. If you see an unusually colored heron of any species please send the following information to the address listed below: DATE; PLACE; SPECIES (if known); COLOR; HOW HERON WAS COLORED (e.g., right or left wing only, both wings, belly, etc.). Please send your name and address with your record to: *Heron Project, Encephalitis Research Center, 4001 Tampa Bay Blvd., Tampa, Florida.*

Robert C. Paulson, Jr. of Cedar Falls, Iowa is working on a project concerned with the summer and year-round distribution of the Green Heron and the Black-crowned Night Heron. He wishes persons who sight marked birds of these two species to report the sightings. The birds are marked in one or more of the following ways: aluminum government band; colored leg band; and in some cases a "back saddle" and/or dyed feather patches. Information desired on each sighting includes: exact location; habitat; behavior; exact time of observation; number of bands on legs; unusual color patterns visible; if the bird is not alone, the number of other herons with it; species; observer's name and address. Information is to be sent to: *Robert C. Paulson, Jr., 2504 College Street, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 50613.*

T. A. Beckett III of Magnolia Gardens, South Carolina and his associates have banded nearly 2,000 Cattle Egrets within a 15-mile radius of Charleston, S.C. This season these birds were banded with aluminum government bands on the right leg, and a red band on the left. It is requested that all sightings of these birds be reported to T. A. Beckett III, Magnolia Gardens, Johns Island, S.C.